

§ 44.320 Submission of plans and calculations.

To request a working freeboard, calculations, plans, and stability information necessary to demonstrate compliance with this subpart must be submitted to the:

(a) Commanding Officer, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Center (G-MSC), 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001; or

(b) American Bureau of Shipping, Two World Trade Center, 106th Floor, New York, NY 10048.

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§ 44.330 Obtaining working freeboards for hopper dredges.

A hopper dredge may be issued a working freeboard on a limited service domestic voyage load line certificate or a Great Lakes load line certificate if the following are met:

(a) The hopper dredge structure must have adequate strength for any draft up to the working freeboard draft. Dredges built and maintained in conformity with the requirements of a classification society recognized by the Commandant usually meet this requirement.

(b) The hopper dredge must—

(1) Meet subpart I of part 174 of this chapter; and

(2) Have on its bridge remote draft indicators that:

(i) Show the fore, aft, and mean draft of the dredge at all times while the dredge is operating; and

(ii) Have each indicator marked with the assigned freeboard and the working freeboard.

§ 44.340 Operating restrictions.

(a) Each hopper dredge assigned a working freeboard may be operated at drafts from the normal freeboard to the working freeboard if the—

(1) Seas are not more than 10 feet;

(2) Winds are not more than 35 knots;

(3) Area of operation is not more than 20 nautical miles (37 kilometers) from the mouth of a harbor of safe refuge; and

(4) Specific gravity of the spoil carried is not more than the highest specific gravity of spoil used in the stabil-

ity calculations required by subchapter S of this chapter.

(b) The Assigning Authority designates on the face of the dredge's load line certificate—

(1) Each restriction contained in paragraph (a)(1) through (a)(3) of this section; and

(2) The maximum specific gravity of the spoils allowed to be carried.

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